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## Shops closed down

# Kabul police kill 3 demonstrators

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Three persons were killed and some 15 injured when Soviet troops and Afghan riot police fired on a demonstration in the streets of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, according to a diplomatic report received here Tuesday.

Reports from diplomatic sources from the Soviet news agency Tass, said a group of uniformed men tore through the streets of the central section of Kabul Monday morning, hurling stones at vehicles, street signs and buildings.

Two of the reports agreed the demonstrators were policemen who were angry after their commanding officer told them their duty hours had been extended, while a third said the rioters could have been either policemen or soldiers.

Some shopkeepers in the central city joined the rioting, an Asian source said. Estimates of the size of the crowd varied. A western diplomatic source said it involved 40 policemen, but cautioned that Afghans frequently use that figure to indicate many people. The Asian source said the crowd was "many more than 40."

The sources said there had been frequent reports of conscript policemen being unhappy about extensions of their two-year tours of duty, but this was the first known revolt on the issue.

Most shopkeepers pulled down their shutters during the disturbances and Afghan and Soviet helicopter gunships hovered over the city until calm returned to Kabul later in the day, the sources said.

They added that the city was quiet last Saturday, the first anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The only ceremony on Saturday was a speech in the People's Palace by President Babrak Karmal who came to power in a Soviet-backed coup last Dec. 27.

The official Czechoslovak news agency, Ceteka, said Monday that Western reports of a strike by Kabul shopkeepers Saturday had been spread by Afghan exiles in Pakistan.

Insurgent clashes also were reported in Jalalabad, capital of the eastern province of Nangarhar, and in Logar province, south of Kabul, a western diplomatic source said in Islamabad Tuesday.

The official Afghan media now refers to the Dec. 27 Soviet intervention as the

# Kuwaitis to invest in Asia

By Edward Thankarath  
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 30 — Kuwaiti investors are planning to recycle their oil earnings in Asia through investment centers to be set up in Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia, a top Kuwaiti source said here Tuesday. He denied, however, that his country was planning to set up a bank branch in Thailand.

He said the three semi-government firms in his country, the Kuwait Investment Company, the Kuwait International Investment Company and the Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company, which have been concentrating heavily on a the Arab and European markets until now, plan to expand operations in Asia as well.

Earlier, the Central Bank of Thailand denied a local newspaper report that a Kuwait bank is to establish a branch in Bangkok. The report said a branch may be allowed in the hope that such a favor may help to obtain more oil from Kuwait in the near future.

The Thai Central Bank said it was its policy not to allow any foreign bank to operate here unless it was done on a reciprocal basis.

"heroic uprising" and the "new liberating phase of the revolution."

Chief complaints of the estimated 3.5 million private Afghan farmers include the cost and availability of fertilizers and machinery and the prices they receive for their produce from the state, their principal buyer.

Some farm union leaders have threatened to withhold produce from state shops if the high court rules against the union application.

Zarin Khan, an Afghan provincial freedom fighter leader, said in Oslo Sunday Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan have a low fighting morale and have been aided by troops from Cuba and Czechoslovakia.

"We have learned that the modern Soviet war machine is vulnerable," he told Norwegian reporters.

Khan, 45, originally a farmer, was flown to Oslo via Pakistan to appear on a TV program on the anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan Dec. 27 last year.

"In Afghanistan the Russian soldiers are poor warriors with a low fighting morale. It also seems as if they lack unlimited resources in this war and must have help from other nations. We have seen Cubans and Czechs fight with the Russians," he added.

Khan claimed that one year after the invasion started, the Russians have not been able to take one inch of Afghan soil outside the areas previously controlled by their marionette regime in Kabul.

"We hope that diplomatic pressure on Moscow will continue until all Soviet troops withdraw. We also hope for more financial and material aid. We are optimists and will win the fight," Khan said.

He said he now leads about 6,000 fighters in his home province of Kunar and said there are about the same number of forces in each of the other 29 Afghan provinces.

## Goose foils robbery

From Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 30 — A vigilant goose foiled 3 men trying to steal clothes from a house in Bangkok on Sunday morning. The owner of the house, Surat Pottham, was awakened by the sound of his goose on the lawn, and on rushing out of his bedroom, he saw three men being chased by it. He called others to help catch the intruders.

By the time they joined him, one of the strangers had jumped over the fence. The fearless goose, however, rounded up the other two and chased them into the kitchen where they were apprehended and handed over to police.

They were later charged with breaking into the yard to steal clothes. The case will go to court and it is likely that the goose will be part of the evidence and produced for the hearing.

# Kissinger cancels trip to Amman

CAIRO, Dec. 30 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, sounding out Middle East leaders on problems of the area, said Tuesday that he had dropped tentative plans to visit Jordan on his current swing.

Kissinger, who met with Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak for 80 minutes Tuesday before seeing Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, was asked by reporters about Jordan King Hussein's statement that he would not see Kissinger if he came to Amman.

"I don't think I will visit Jordan on this trip," said Kissinger whose itinerary includes Israel, and other countries in the region.

Hussein has declined to become involved in the U.S.-sponsored peace process formalized in the Camp David agreements of September 1978 at the end of President Jimmy Carter's summit conference with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Kissinger ruled out an immediate role for the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in the ongoing Egyptian-Israeli peace process, saying its participation now would "only confuse the issue."

Referring to the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States, he said he was "optimistic that in the new (Reagan) administration, considerable progress will be made on all the issues."

But he added in response to a question that it was his "view that the PLO at this stage can only confuse the issue. At a later stage when some progress had been made, then let the Arab nations discuss it and one can look at it again, but at this stage I cannot see a useful role (for the PLO)."

The Palestinians, along with most other Arab states except Oman, Sudan and Somalia, have shunned the peace process formalized in the Camp David accords signed by President Jimmy Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in September, 1978.

The Camp David process has bogged down over discussions of granting self-rule to 1.2 million Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the once-Egyptian-administered Gaza Strip. The process came to a halt last summer with Egypt's anger at Israel's unilateral annexation of the occupied Arab east sector of Jerusalem.

According to the Camp David framework, "Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the representatives of the Palestinian people should participate in negotiations on the resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects."

But Jordan has thus far declined to join the peace process.

# Iraq stresses need for joint Arab action

BAGHDAD, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Tuesday stressed the need for joint Arab action at a meeting with the Arab League's Good Offices Committee to end the Gulf war which has divided the Arab world.

Speaking with the committee shortly after it arrived in Baghdad, Hussein reaffirmed the need to respect and honor resolutions passed by Arab joint bodies.

The president said that precise restrictions and principles should be agreed on Arab relations based on faith in Arab unity on the face of any dangers or threats, Iraqi News Agency reported.

The Good Office's Committee was formed

last month by Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi. It includes the foreign ministers from Saudi Arabia, Prince Saud Faisal and Muhammad Benyehia. The committee will also visit Damascus and Amman.

Relations between Syria and Jordan have been under strain because of the Iran-Iraq war and the committee is here to "clear the atmosphere" and pave the way to better relations.

INA later reported that the committee had left Baghdad.

The meeting was also attended by deputy prime minister and member of the Ruling Revolutionary Council, Tareq Aziz, and Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi.



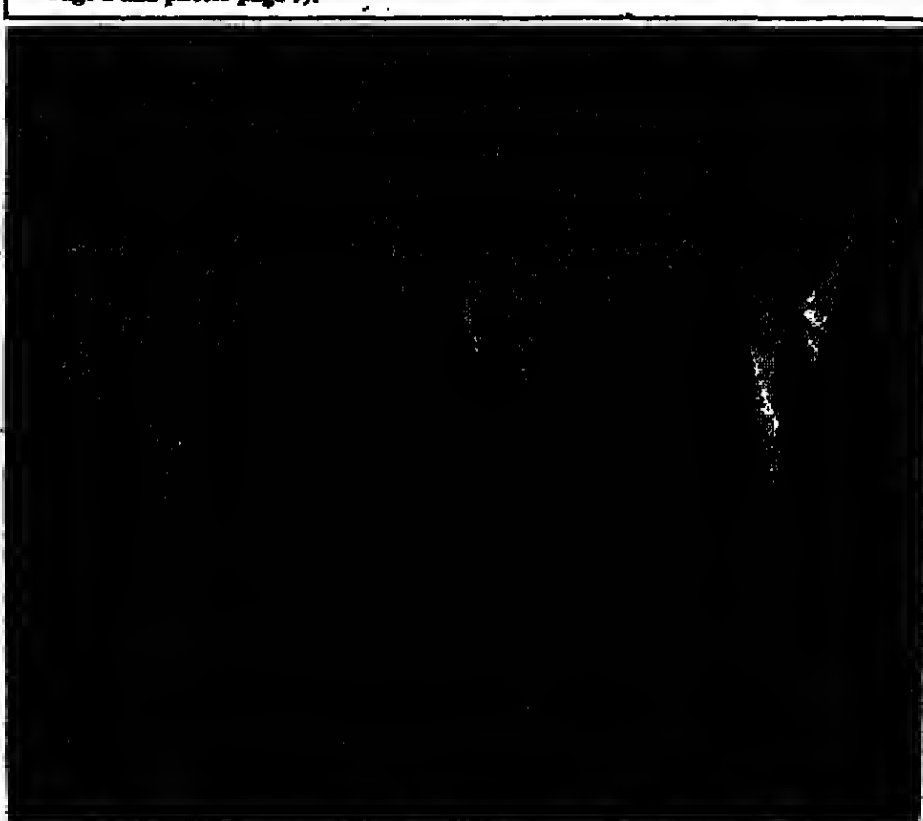
QASIM VISIT: King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd during their Qasim visit to meet citizens from all over the region. The King arrived here Tuesday morning from Buraidah after his four-day visit to Qasim.

To continue his tour of the central regions of the Kingdom, he was accompanied by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, and other princes, ministers and senior officials.

The King drove from Buraidah, in Qasim, where he inspected completed projects and laid the foundation-stone of the second phase of the grain silos. He gave audience to a large number of citizens who had thronged to greet him.

While he was in Buraidah, other princes visited a few towns in the region on his behalf and to check on the projects being constructed and find out the needs of the people.

At Hail the King was welcomed by Governor Prince Muqrin and leading officials as well as thousands of people who had lined up his motorcade. (Details of Qasim visit on Page 2 and photos page 9).



ARAFAT IN BERLIN: General Secretary and Council chairman Erich Honecker (second from left) receives a PLO delegation headed by Yasser Arafat (left), chairman of the Executive Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Farouk Qaidouni, head of the PLO's political department is at left. East Germany and the PLO Monday condemned the confrontation policies of imperialism, particularly of the United States, the official German news agency ADN reported. Erich Honecker and Yasser Arafat, agreed in talks that imperialist policies encouraged Israel to commit new acts of aggression in the occupied Arab territories as well as against Arab states, the agency said. They also condemned Israel's practice of oppression in the occupied Arab areas. Arafat is taking a rest cure in East Germany.

# IDB allocates \$790 m

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 30 — The Islamic Development Bank Tuesday allotted \$790 million for 1981, of which \$275 million for regular operations, \$500 million for financing



Ahmad Muhammad Ali foreign trade; and \$15 million for technical assistance. The bank's Board of Executive Directors wound up its 47th session here Tuesday under the IDB President, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

The allocations for 1981 will bring the total funds given by the Jeddah-based bank to \$1.8 billion since it was set up five years ago.

The regular operations of the bank include equity participation, leasing and development loans; but most of the funds earmarked for 1981 will go to industrial and agricultural projects.

The bank approved the import of crude oil worth \$20 million for Niger from another

IDB-member state; paper pulp (\$8 million); and cotton and cotton yarn (\$12 million); for Tunisia; intermediate industrial raw materials for Algeria (\$45 million); urea fertilizer for Sudan (\$30 million); crude oil for Morocco (\$20 million) from another IDB member state, and for Bangladesh (\$20 million) from Saudi Arabia; refined petroleum products for Guinea Bissau (\$5 million); cement and other construction material for the Maldives (\$3 million); crude oil for Pakistan from Saudi Arabia (\$25 million); and crude oil for South Yemen from Libya (\$17 million); bringing the total amount approved for foreign trade financing to \$215 million.

The board also approved the financing of a number of projects in member states, including flour mills as well as a cement grinding and homogenization plant for Turkey (\$6,340,000). The IDB also agreed to participate in the equity of a lube oil refinery affiliated to the Pakistani National Refinery (\$5.5 million) to the present capacity of the refinery from 82,000 tons to 100,000 tons annually. This expansion will save \$48 million per year for Pakistan and will create 225 jobs.

The bank will also lend Senegal \$3 million to finance a rural development project in the Mbour-Louga region. The project will help improve the performance of 18,000 farmers in 152,000 hectares of white maize and nuts by using the fertilizers and modern agricultural methods. Another \$6.5 million have been allocated for equity participation in the capital of several medium and small industrial projects in the Cameroon through the National Investment Corporation of that country.

# Egypt warned of trap

KUWAIT, Dec. 30 (AP) — An exiled Egyptian opposition leader was quoted here Tuesday as cautioning against Egypt joining the NATO alliance, saying this would force other Arab states to join the Warsaw Pact.

"This would amount to a real catastrophe not only for Egypt but for all Arabs," Gen. Saad' din Shazli former Egyptian chief of staff, said in an interview with the daily *Al-Qabas*.

"If this happens, I doubt the United States and its Western allies will provide Egypt with sophisticated weapons, because they run the risk of finding these weapons taken over by a new national regime after the toppling of President Sadat," he was quoted as saying.

Shazli insisted that the Americans were building bases in Egypt, including the Ras Banas base on the Red Sea, to accommodate 30,000 troops.

"The fallacy President Sadat commits is that he gives bases the name of facilities," he was quoted as saying.

Shazli was quoted as saying "the United States will not change its policy voluntarily, but the Arabs can force Washington to change its policies through pressuring the United States in terms of oil supplies."

Shazli is the secretary-general of the anti-Sadat National Egyptian Front. He was quoted as saying his organization maintains "constant touch with all groups and elements inside Egypt seeking to topple Sadat because we are sure Sadat will not be overthrown except by the Egyptian people."

Opposition inside Egypt was growing with the armed forces keen on toppling Sadat because he entered into alliances with the foes of Arabs and Islam, he was quoted as saying.

He denied his front planned to form a government in exile, but said it planned to join the Arab Steadfastness Front grouping Syria, Libya, South Yemen, Algeria and the PLO.

"The forthcoming session of the Front is likely to witness our joining," he was quoted as saying.

Shazli, who is currently in Syria, defended the Syrian Soviet friendship pact. He said this was dictated by Egypt's withdrawal from the battle against Israel, leaving Syria as the only confrontation state. "The situation makes it imperative that Syria should have a strong political ally," he was quoted as saying.

He also welcomed the projected union between Syria and Libya, saying it would make Libya a confrontation state adding a new dimension to the Arab strategy against Israel.

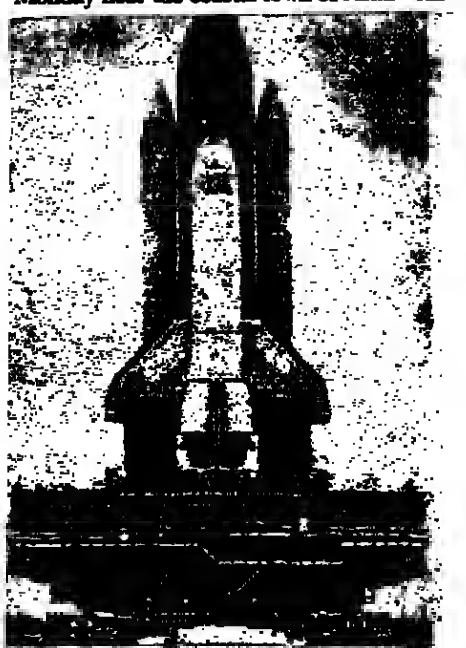
# Martyrs' bodies flown to Dacca

DACCA, Dec. 30 (R) — The bodies of two Bangladeshis killed while fighting for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) against Israeli forces were flown home Tuesday, the PLO representative in Dacca said. Ahmed Abdul Razzak told a press conference that the two "great fighters" died while defending south Lebanon and the Palestine revolution on Dec. 18.

Razzak said the PLO office in Dacca received scores of volunteers every day seeking to join the Palestinian revolution, and that the two martyrs were among 50 Bangladeshis who enrolled a year ago.

Earlier in Damascus Palestinian commandos Monday night claimed responsibility for two time bombs which exploded in south Israel and said the blasts injured an undetermined number of Israeli soldiers.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a spokesman as saying commandos operating inside Israel planted the two bombs earlier Monday near the coastal town of Ashkelon.



SPACE SHUTTLE: The space shuttle Columbia heads toward launch pad Monday at Kennedy Space Center. The orbiter will be launched March 14th. The vehicle stands 184 feet high and weighs 4,500,000 at liftoff.

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## Swiss may ban uranium equipment to Pakistan

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 30 (AP) — The Swiss government will examine more closely, and possibly ban, potential large exports to Pakistan of engineering equipment used for uranium enrichment, a high Swiss official said Monday.

Small amounts of this equipment have been delivered to Pakistan in the past. Shipment of Swiss-made evaporators and condensers approved by the government three years ago led to considerable tension between the Swiss and the United States which claims Pakistan will use them for making nuclear bombs and feels the Swiss deliveries were out of keeping with the spirit of international treaties.

Switzerland authorized the exports on the grounds the equipment was not banned by existing agreements curbing sales of peaceful nuclear material with possible military potential. The Swiss feel if the lists of banned material are to be extended, this must be by an international agreement, and not on unilateral American demands.

Claude Zangger, deputy director of the Swiss Federal Department for Energy

Economy, said the amount of equipment shipped to Pakistan in the past was so small it could only be used for a pilot plant. "If Pakistan intends to build a full-scale enrichment facility, it will need many more evaporator and condenser units, and if they want to buy them from Swiss firms, we will take a very close look at the matter," he added.

He said the authorities will have three "basic options" there if additional orders for the Swiss equipment come from Pakistan.

"Either we forbid such exports, or we give the green light. Or, we approve them under certain conditions," Zangger explained. He said such conditions would depend on the orders and could range from standard conditions set in the treaties, to more severe conditions set unilaterally by the United States.

The 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) banning the spread of atomic arms and the 1977 "London Club" guidelines worked out by the world's leading nuclear exporters stipulate that receivers of nuclear material designed for peaceful purposes must submit to its inspection by the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency — IAE.

### Avoid 'partisan controversy'

## Turkish press facing curbs

ANKARA, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — The government Monday signaled a new crackdown on political activity by warning all writers and journalists to "avoid partisan controversy" in their articles.

A military high command communique said that from now on, the decree outlawing activity by political parties would be strictly applied. The decree was passed by the National Security Council after it assumed power in a coup Sept. 12. The communique denounced "certain writers and other members of the press who are trying to pursue partisan controversy in their articles."

Meanwhile, Turkish security forces shot and killed two suspected terrorists in Bingöl and Tunceli, eastern Turkish provinces where Kurdish nationalist movements are active, the Istanbul daily *Hürriyet* reported Tuesday.

The largest-circulation Turkish daily reported security forces shot and killed Hasan Tekin and captured five other suspected terrorists, two of them wounded, following a shootout in a village of Bingöl on Dec. 18.

Martial law authorities said they are searching for other gunmen who fled to the mountains. They said that in Tunceli, also in the east, security forces cracked "a divisive subversive organization" and seized large quantities of banned extremist literature and weapons.

At the same time, police sources said a high school student was killed during "a political discussion" with a classmate that erupted into fist-fights and violence in Diyarbakir, also in eastern Turkey.

## Libyan diplomats declared persona non grata in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, Dec. 30 (AP) — Mauritanian authorities have suspended activities of the Libyan Cultural Center here and declared three Libyan diplomats persona non grata, informed sources said Monday.

The ruling military committee and the government issued communique last Saturday saying steps were being taken to meet activities of a subversive nature carried out in a friendly nation in Mauritania.

The sources on Monday said five Libyan individuals had been arrested and that the authorities had discovered "irrefutable proof" of subversive activities.

There has been increasing concern in several Central and West African states over Libyan activities in recent months. The call Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi

for the formation of an Islamic federation of Saharan states have been met with reserve. Libyan agitation has been denounced by African leaders, including Senegal's President Leopold Sedar Senghor.

The Nouakchott sources said the authorities had been aware for some time about Libyan activities in the country, especially in schools.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, a Libyan diplomat has announced his resignation from his post. A Libyan source said he is seeking asylum in another, unidentified Arab country according to a statement received Tuesday by the United News of India.

The Libyan embassy confirmed Second Secretary Abdul Salam Ali Ali's resignation and said it was "expected" because he wanted to "enjoy life."

## Killed, ships sink as storm sweeps Algeria

ALGIERS, Dec. 30 (R) — At least two persons were reported killed Monday and dozens of ships sunk in a storm which has been sweeping western Algeria since Sunday. Algerian radio said the two casualties were boatmen who were rescuing fishermen in distress.

In Oran, western Algeria's biggest town, at least 20 trawlers and four bigger ships sank and the port might have to be closed, according to official reports.

A full loaded tanker went aground in the

port of Arzew and was spilling some of the 77,997 tons of liquefied gas it had been carrying, harbor officials said.

All along the coast of western Algeria, dozens of fishing boats and trawlers were reported to have sunk and fishermen said the winds, accompanied by heavy snow and rain, would continue.

Fourteen of the 23 piers in Oran harbor were out of use and cargo and cranes had been swept away by surging waters.

## Tunisia seeks fresh start with Libya

TUNIS, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mzali has appealed to neighboring Libya to agree to joint, equal exploitation of the mineral or other wealth of the offshore continental shelf which is disputed by the two countries.

Speaking in parliament Monday, he said Tunisia wanted to "remove its misunderstandings" with Libya and start afresh.

He repeated a standing invitation for Libyan Foreign Minister Abdulsalam Turki to visit Tunisia.

Relations between the two countries, at opposite ends of the Arab ideological spectrum, hit a low earlier this year when Tunisia accused Libya of aiding rebels in an uprising in the Tunisian town of Gafsa.

## Libyan official meets Genscher

BONN, Dec. 30 (R) — Libya's foreign relations secretary, Ahmad Shabari, met West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Monday for talks which dealt mainly with economic matters, the West German foreign ministry said. It said the two men discussed agreements on air traffic, tax and investment promotion, and preparations for a meeting of a West German-Libyan joint economic commission in Tripoli, Libya, next March.

The West German foreign ministry said that during the meeting, Genscher said sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries were preconditions for stability, security and world peace.



RADIO-TV WORKSHOP: The radio TV workshop in UNRWA's Wadi Seer Vocational Training Center in east Jordan. The center, which accommodates 600 young Palestinian refugees, provides training in some 15 different skills.



LAND SURVEYOR: Refugee students in the land surveyor course at UNRWA's Kalan-dia Vocational Training Center, near Jerusalem in the West Bank.

## UNRWA to expand vocational training

VIENNA, Dec. 30 — The United Nations organization responsible for providing basic services to the Palestine refugees plans to step up its vocational training effort for the young.

Demand for places is so great that UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East, has decided to increase the capacity of its vocational training centers by 13 per cent, from 3,460 places to 3,904, with the help of the OPEC fund, a UNRWA press release has said.

At present, UNRWA has to turn down four applicants out of five for places at its centers.

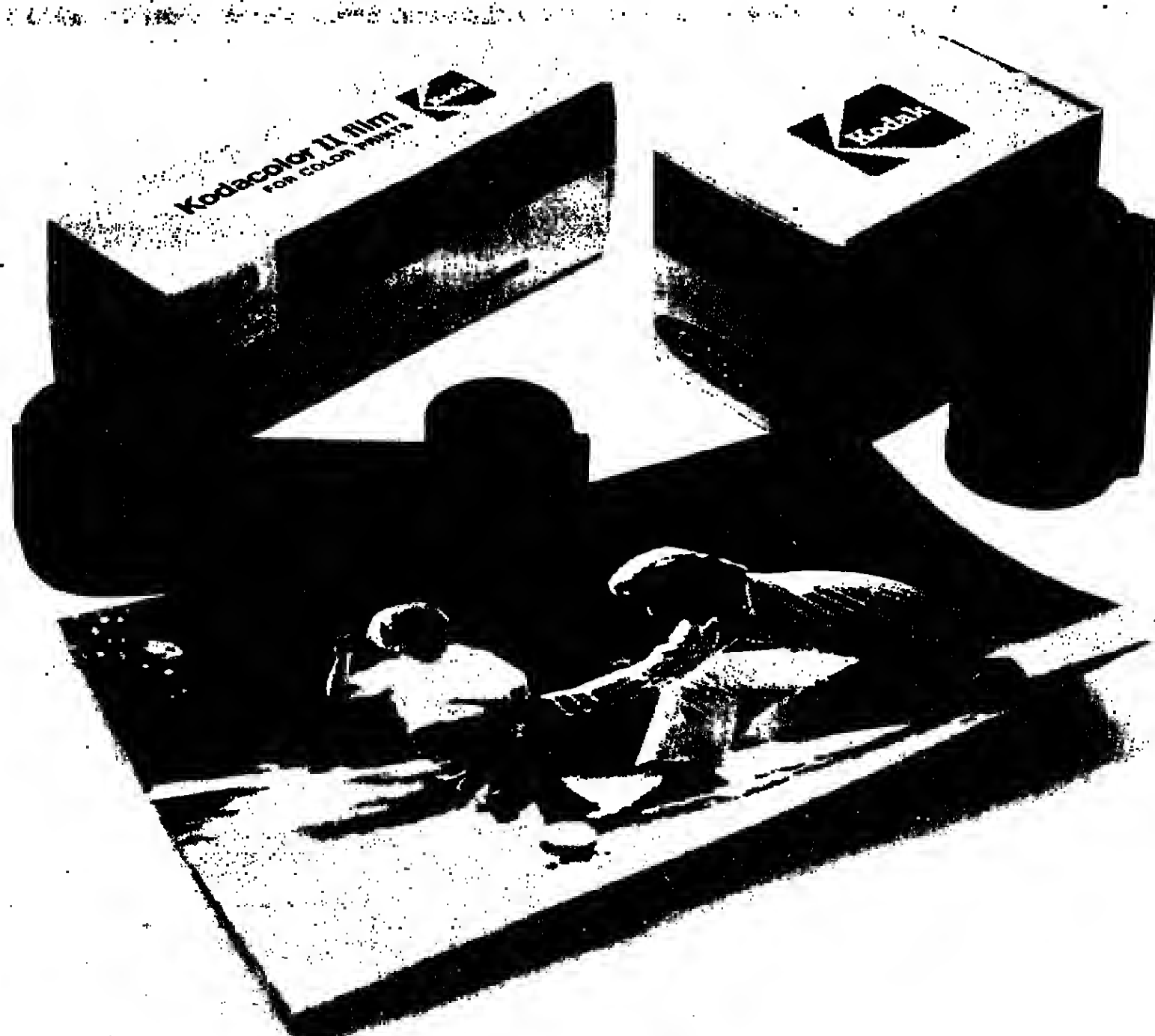
The centers — in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — offer a total of 37 courses in vocations, ranging from blacksmith to public health inspector. Most of them last for two years and each year nearly 1,800 newly-qualified refugees graduate.

There is a marked trend among the young men, especially those in the West Bank, to seek employment abroad. Most of these graduates however, plan to return to their families after a few years.

In Jerusalem, UNRWA's West Bank job placement officer, Madiha Nusseibeh, says: "Practically all the graduates find work, but 60 per cent of them, usually those who had followed semi-professional courses, leave for other Arab countries, especially the Gulf states."

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## Le Monde questions presidential role

## Giscard haunted by links with 'despicable' Bokassa

PARIS, Dec. 30 (AP) — The trial of self-proclaimed Central African Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa has raised fresh questions over France's past support of the deposed dictator who was sentenced to death for crimes including cannibalism, the massacre of schoolchildren and embezzlement of public funds.

A jury in the Central African Republic capital of Bangui deliberated two hours Dec. 24 before sentencing Bokassa to death in absentia.

In a front-page editorial, France's most respected newspaper has sternly criticized President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing for trying to erase his ties to "The Butcher of Bangui."

"The trial largely confirmed and illustrated the cruelty of Bokassa," *Le Monde* said in its editorial Friday. "But it could not reveal the reason why for so long he benefited from the aid of France. A country of no wealth, Central Africa has little political, economic or strategic interest to France."

The short, stocky dictator, who rose from a poor jungle home to acquire a golden crown with a 13-carat diamond, has lived in exile in the Ivory Coast since a French-backed coup forced him to abandon his specially-built two-ton bronze throne on Sept. 20, 1979.

The Central African Republic has issued an international warrant for his arrest. Political observers say it is highly unlikely the Ivory Coast will send Bokassa, 59, back to the land he ruled for 14 years.

In its editorial, *Le Monde* recalled how Giscard d'Estaing had traveled to the Central African Republic to partake in his passion for big game hunting, of allegations he had accepted gifts of diamonds from Bokassa and of how France financed Bokassa's elaborate \$24 million coronation in 1976.



Emperor Bokassa



Giscard d'Estaing

"How could the president for so long retain close relations with a man he called 'cruel and despicable' after his fall?" *Le Monde* asked. "The president's passion for hunting neither justifies nor explains all."

On the diamond affair, *Le Monde* wrote, "Whether the diamonds are to be kept, sold or returned is of little importance. What is important is that they are a sign of a certain political policy founded on personal relations."

Bokassa's ties to Giscard d'Estaing, whom he often called "dear cousin," were brought up again during the weekend when the ex-emperor's French lawyer revealed he had taken a personal request from Bokassa to the French Foreign Ministry.

The lawyer said Bokassa has asked for France's help in convincing United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to set up an international commission to determine what really happened in Bangui in 1979.

Bokassa's plea to Waldheim was ironic. In 1972, he had called the U.N. leader a

"pimp" and a "colonialist" after Waldheim protested Bokassa's personal participation in the public beating of 40 thieves with clubs and rifle butts.

In his message to the French Foreign Ministry, Bokassa's lawyer said Bokassa wrote, "My 23 years of service under the French flag, the strong ties of friendship to France that I fortified as chief of state of Central Africa and, dare I say it, my very personal ties with president of France, makes me determined to ask France's help in making sure justice prevails."

The French government issued no response to the plea, nor did it offer any comment on Bokassa's five-day trial. Bokassa always has contended he was never involved in the massacre of about 100 schoolchildren in April 1979.

The massacre charges were first given credibility by the London-based human rights group Amnesty International, which said the children had staged demonstrations to protest the cost of an imperial edict

requiring them to wear uniforms.

The school uniforms could only be purchased at a shop partly owned by one of Bokassa's nine wives and cost \$20 each — as much as a teacher's monthly salary in the Central African Republic.

Amnesty International said the children were rounded up after the demonstrations and taken to the Bangui prison, where they were beaten, tortured, suffocated and shot to death. A multi-national African judicial commission later determined Bokassa "almost certainly" participated in the killings.

The cannibalism charges surfaced when troops marched into Bokassa's imperial palace outside Bangui after last year's coup and found dismembered corpses in the freezers. Palace workers said Bokassa and his intimates had eaten human flesh at ritualistic feasts.

Bokassa's ties to France date back to his childhood when he received minimal education at a French missionary school. He once dreamed of studying for the ministry but turned to a career in the French colonial army. He rose to sergeant and was awarded two medals for heroism.

Bokassa was a great admirer of Napoleon and crowned himself emperor wearing a coronation costume fashioned by the same embroidery house that had made Napoleon's coronation robes in 1804.

Bokassa also was a big fan of Gen. Charles De Gaulle. At De Gaulle's funeral in 1970, Bokassa broke into hysterical weeping and threw himself on the grave sobbing: "Papa, papa."

After his fall, Bokassa sought asylum in France. His personal jet, a gift from the French government, landed outside Paris, but he was denied permission to enter. Bokassa then left for the Ivory Coast, where he continues to haunt Giscard d'Estaing.

## Moscow athletes excluded from annual British awards

LONDON, Dec. 30 (R) — Queen Elizabeth's new year honors, to be published Wednesday, gave no recognition to athletes who won medals at this summer's Moscow Olympics. Most British teams ignored Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's calls to boycott the games because of the Soviet Union's military intervention in Afghanistan.

After previous Olympic games, awards have been made to several Britons who have been outstandingly successful. Most of the awards are made on the recommendation of the government. A government official said no awards had been made to winners of medals in Moscow.

Queen Elizabeth knighted South African-born writer and explorer Laurens Van Der Post, 74, whose books about Africa have won awards throughout the world, and broadcaster Robin Day, who is well known for his probing political interviews.

Ballet dancer and choreographer Anton Dolin, 76, and Michael Levey, director of London's most important museum of painting, the National Gallery, also received knighthoods.

Several other figures from the arts and show business received awards. They included novelist Kingsley Amis and 80-year-old comedian Arthur Askey, both made Commanders of the Order of the British Empire (CBE). Margaret Lockwood, one of Britain's most popular film actresses in the 1940s who starred in *Wicked Lady* and a score of other films, also became a CBE, along with Czechoslovak-born conductor Vilem Tausky.

The only new Companion of Honor, one of the highest awards, is leading British abstract artist Victor Pasmore.

The list includes two new life peers, Sir Michael Swann, who has just retired as chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation, and financier Sir Henry Benson, adviser to the governor of the Bank of England.

Ross Stainton, chairman of the state-owned British Airways, and Maxwell Joseph, chairman of Grand Metropolitan Limited, the international hotel chain, both received knighthoods. Sporting names in the honors list include Ron Greenwood, manager of the England football team, who is made a CBE and England cricketer Derek Underwood, who is made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).



Kingsley Amis

## New York man left trail of cons

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP) — County authorities are attempting to extradite from New York a man wanted for alleged swindling in four countries to face charges here that he bilked a local businessman out of more than \$300,000.

Baghdad-born Yassim Souleiman Rabbiah, described by a district attorney's investigator as the "international con man of the year," was being held without bail in New York City on charges of cheating an heiress out of \$140,000 in a bogus check scheme. In Los Angeles he faces four counts of grand theft stemming from a 1968 fraud in which Beverly Hills businessman Bennett Silverstein reportedly lost \$309,821.98.

Using the alias Walter S. Arbib, Rabbiah allegedly posed as an importer of Italian products and offered to allow Silverstein, operator of Silver Factors Inc., to take over \$400,000 in outstanding accounts receivable because he needed immediate cash, district attorney's investigator Lt. William Burnen said.

Silverstein reportedly gave Rabbiah the money in four checks, and when he attempted to collect on the accounts, he allegedly discovered that no such accounts existed. Furthermore, Burnen said, Rabbiah had disappeared.

## Conservative Zurich braces for renewed youth violence

ZURICH, Dec. 30 (R) — This normally placid center of international business is worried about the prospect of renewed youth unrest in 1981 after severe rioting last week involving a movement opposed to the values of Switzerland's consumer society.

Hopes that the holidays might have brought a reconciliation between the youth movement and the conservative-dominated

city council were dashed by 12 hours of fighting between demonstrators and police. It was the worst violence since last September when city authorities closed a cultural center run by the movement. The authorities reported finding wanted criminals, drugs and weapons inside.

The Socialist Party blamed the new flare-up on what it called the city council's obsti-

nacy in refusing to allow the center to re-open for Christmas and demanded that the movement be allowed to re-occupy it for the new year. Shortly before Christmas a group of left-liberal clergymen and authors tried to mediate between the city authorities and the youth movement whose protests against traditional business values include allegations that youth interests are being repressed in Zurich.

But it was clear that a nucleus of hardcore militants in the movement was determined to reject any compromise. The militants, whose slogans include "make Cucumber Salad out of the State," disputed holiday shopping, closed with riot police outside a high-security prison and followed mayor Sigmund Widmer to public functions, shouting him down whenever he tried to give a speech.



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# New Zealand forces tie

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (AFP) — New Zealand has hung on grimly to force a draw in the third Test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. At stumps the Kiwis had advanced their second innings score to 128 — 65 short of their required 193. The New Zealanders never had a chance of winning, after losing four wickets for six runs midway through their innings.

However, that they were able to force a draw gives the Kiwis enormous satisfaction after having been thrashed in less than three days in both the first and second Tests of the series.

Another pleasing aspect for the New Zealanders is that their champion all-rounder Richard Hadlee was named man of the match in this Test, and man of the series against Australia.

The New Zealand task was always difficult, evidenced by the last ball of Lillee's first over, which shot along the pitch and almost bowled John Wright.

That delivery forced the Kiwis into their sell with only 27 runs being scored in their first hour.

Wright, who went on to score 44, took 41 runs and 37 deliveries before he got off a mark.

The Kiwis went to tea at one for 50 after ruc Edgar was run out when a superb rucme Wood return narrowly beat him. Howarth began the final session by magnticly off-driving Dennis Lillee to the undary immediately after resumption.

The New Zealanders received a bonus, when Wright cut Len Pascoe away forward of square-leg as he and skipper ran four.

Score-board

Australia (1st innings) 321  
New Zealand (1st innings) 317  
Australia (2nd innings) 188  
New Zealand (2nd innings):

J. Wright c Wood b Hogg 44;  
B. Edgar run out 25;  
G. Howarth lbw Chappell 20;  
J. Parker lbw Chappell 1;  
J. Cooney lbw Hogg 3;  
M. Burgess not out 10;  
W. Lees b Lillee 7;  
R. Hadlee not out 5;  
Extras 13;  
TOTAL (for 6 wks) 128.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-95, 3-97, 4-101, 5-101, 6-121.

BOWLING: Lillee 13-3-30-1; Hogg 8-1-14-2; Higgs 12-4-24-0; Pascoe 11-1-35-0; Chappell 7-4-7-2; Border 2-1-5-0; Hughes 1-1-0-0.

# Richards gets Windies going

By Shahid Orakzai

Arab News Correspondent

MULTAN, Pakistan, Dec. 30 — Vivian Richards was back in form as he scored an unbeaten 71 runs to enable touring West Indies to collect 129 for 3 at tea on the first day of their last test against Pakistan.

One up in the 4-test series the tourist,

to come to Uruguay and the players have little time to acclimatise while the South Americans have prepared more carefully.

The Germans last trip to South America was in 1978 when they played in Buenos Aires and disappointed with an ageing team and dull tactics.

Of the 1978 squad, Derwall has retained only Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Rainer Bonhoff, Manfred Kaltz, Bernard Dietz, and Hans Muller.

The Germans, sharing Group "B" with Argentina and Brazil, will play their first match on Thursday against Argentina. The Netherlands, Italy and Uruguay play in Group "A".

Hosts Uruguay have cracked 15 goals and conceded none in their last three internationals, but go into the tournament as underdogs.

Substantial victories over Finland, Bolivia and Switzerland has boosted the morale of the young Uruguayan squad, but gives little indication of how they will fare against the five powerful nations assembled here.

Uruguay manager Roque Maspoli has picked a squad which contains no players with overseas clubs. Names like Juan Ramon Carrasco, with Argentine side racing, are missing.



UPSET WIN: South African Kevin Curran, who knocked eleventh-seeded Victor Pecci out of the Marlboro Australian Open with a stunning victory.

# Nevada accepts Ali's license

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LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Dec. 30 (AP) — The Nevada State Athletic Commission reversed itself on Monday and allowed former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali to surrender his Nevada boxing license, ending the threat of his forced retirement in the state.

The action by the five-member commission effectively prevents the three-time champion from ever fighting in the state again. But the Nevada action will have no effect on other states or other countries.

The agreement countered a decision reached early in the bearing when the commission voted unanimously to reject Ali's offer to voluntarily surrender his license which would have expired at the end of this year.

"We saved ourselves a lot of time, a lot of court fights," Ali said following the bearing.

The commission had said Ali should be retired "for his own safety and for the integrity of boxing in the State of Nevada." It said his ability to perform was in question as a result of his performance in the Oct. 2 title-fight with Larry Holmes in Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

# Of reaching Grand Prix Masters

# McNamara ends Gottfried's hopes

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Australian Davis Cup player Peter McNamara ended American Brian Gottfried's hopes of making the Grand Prix Masters next month with a straight sets win in the third round of the \$350,000 Marlboro Australian Open at the Kooyong Tennis Stadium today.

Missing the eight-man Volvo Grand Prix Masters, which starts in New York on January 14, has cost Gottfried about \$80,000 including bonus pool payments and prize money.

McNamara, who seems certain to spearhead Australia's Davis Cup quarter finals, won at 7-5, 6-4.

Gottfried, who will finish the year in 10th place on the Grand Prix points table, would have needed to win here to make the Masters.

His form in the first two rounds indicated that he had every chance of winning his first Grand Slam tournament, and making the Masters.

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doubles points table and if he manages to win the Australian doubles title with Sandy Mayer he finishes the year in top place and collects an additional \$50,000 in bonus pool payments.

In another third round encounter left handed American Peter Rennerth took three hours to inflict a four sets victory over Pat Dupre, who defeated Czech star Ivan Lendl yesterday.

Rennerth, a quarter-finalist here last year, defeated Dupre 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 on an outside court and now meets the in-form McNamara in a quarter final on Thursday.

Australia's other Davis Cup player Paul

McNamee beat Australian Open champion Mark Edmondson 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

McNamee's opponent in the quarter-finals will be American Brian Teacher who had no trouble in defeating John Austin 6-4, 6-1, 7-6.

Phil Dent, of Australia, is scheduled to meet big serving American John Sadri in a third round match tomorrow, but was forced to pull out of his doubles match with John Alexander today after dropping the first set.

Meanwhile, in a third round match yesterday, eleventh-seeded Paraguayan Victor Pecci was defeated by South African Kevin Curren 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

# 2 British rugby stars suspended

LEDDS, Yorkshire, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Two Great Britain international forwards have been suspended for 23 games by the British Rugby League Federation for off-the-ball incidents.

Brian Hogan of Widnes was banned from playing in 13 matches for attacking Castleford player-coach Malcolm Reilly in a Cup match earlier this month.

Paul Rose of Hull Kingston rovers, who was ordered off in a match against Bradford Northern on November 30 for a similar off-the-ball incident, was suspended for ten games.

Rugby League secretary David Oxley said after announcing the sanctions: "It is no secret that, since the start of the season, we have been increasingly concerned about severe off-the-ball incidents."

# ermans made Cup favorites

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 30 (R) — The West German soccer team arrived in Montevideo last night to compete in the Gold Cup soccer Tournament commemorating 50 years of World Cup Football.

The West Germans, who have not been tested since manager Jupp Derwall took charge of the side two years ago, have been joint favorites with current world champions Argentina.

But their record may count little here since only one of those matches — a 2-1 win over Argentina — was against a South American foe.

Like Italy and the Netherlands, the other Europeans in the competition, West Germany interrupted its National Championship

# udan exits in soccer

KHARTOUM, Dec. 30 (R) — Algeria drew with Sudan 1-1 here on Saturday giving em a 3-1 victory on aggregate in the second of the African Zone qualifying tournament. With this draw, Sudan are out of the World Cup Soccer Tournament. Gamoh scored for Algeria in the 66th minute, of the second session while Abu Obaida got the equalizer.

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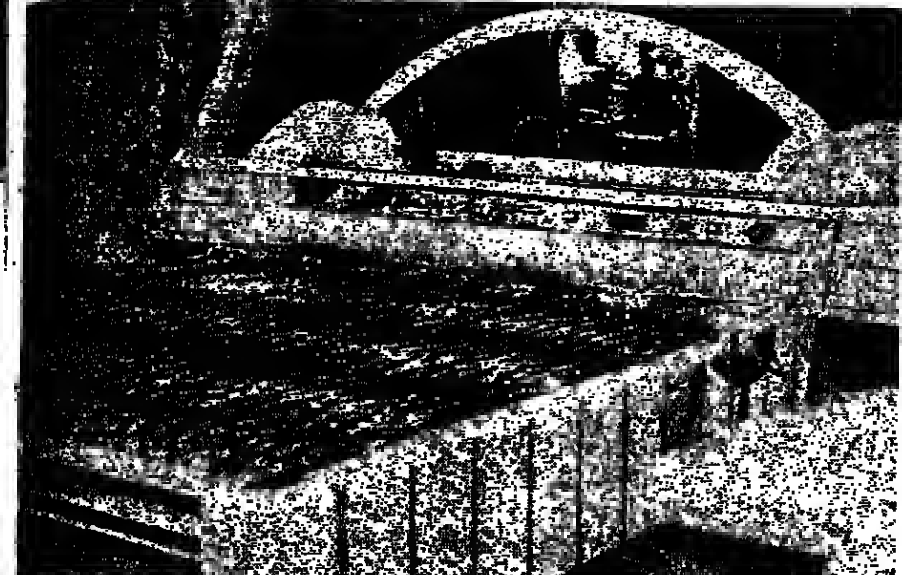


# Tippy image is banished

## Middle America takes to water at night

By Pamela Moreland

Tired of hearing their 56-year-old father complaining about backaches over the breakfast table, James Foster's three children hustled the Granada Hills, Calif., sliding contractor to a waterbed showroom. "I thought it was something that hippies slept on," Foster said. "But after the kids made me lie down on one, I bought the waterbed on the spot."



SPACE AGE: the latest in beds from Aziz Furniture of Alkhobar

Foster is not alone. While waterbeds made their name as part of the youth revolution of the 1960s, it's the middle-aged Middle American who is today turning them into a \$600 million business.

Possibly the best indicator of the growing acceptance of the waterbed comes from those as merchandisers to Middle America —

from royal cares

## Princess Grace finds refuge in flowers

By Maureen Early

NEW YORK, (NEWSDAY) — "It's not a day anyone would really envy. There's a much time left over for privacy. One has to fight for that. But one accepts that as part of the job. And it is a job."

Her Serene Highness, Grace of Monaco, is explaining, in one of her rare interviews, the quality of her life as Princess in that fairy-principality on the French Riviera. Even actress Grace Kelly, "my private life was much more personal," she says. "Once I married a prince, my private life became public. I had to keep certain things to myself."

The interview, in the New York apartment her close friend, designer Vera Maxwell, granted on the agreement that no questions would be asked about gossip surrounding the royal family. The focus was to remain the life of the beautiful American movie star who married Prince Rainier Grimaldo 24 years ago — and her passion for flowers. Actually, her love of flowers, and her solitary bliss in search of ones to press for pictures, an absorbing hobby — have given the princess a needed balance to life in a goldfish bowl. "I love walking in the woods, on the hills, along the beaches," she says. "I love being part of nature. I love walking alone. It is a therapy. One needs to be alone, to recharge one's batteries."

Because Monaco is very small (about 370 res) it's like a great big family, the 51-year-old princess says, in an accent that a British interviewer called American, but Americans would identify as British. "The prince is definitely the father figure for his

Sears, Roebuck and Co. and J.C. Penney Co. Both of the giant retailers have recently introduced "floatation mattresses" — compartmentalized, water-filled mattresses that fit on top of conventional boxsprings and can be covered with standard bedding.

According to the Waterbed Manufacturers Association one out of every 20 beds now sold in the United States is a waterbed. In California, where 85 per cent of the nation's waterbeds and waterbed accessories are

retailers add, is changing.

Medical journals report that waterbeds have therapeutic value for older persons with back problems or arthritis. Parents of premature infants are buying crib waterbeds for their newborns because the gentle rocking motion is remarkably similar in conditions inside the womb.

Waterbeds never were the creation of the sex-crazed '60s that many believe they were. Their history goes back at least as far as Cleopatra, who lounged on a goat-skin bag filled with water. Leonardo da Vinci praised the merits of the "floating bed" in his writings.

One of the first medical recommendations for the use of waterbeds was made in 1873 when a London medical journal reported that a patient could lie on a water-filled mattress for an extended period "and never have a bed sore."

Still, even their most ardent supporters will admit that their re-emergence as part of the 1960s counterculture created some image problems for waterbeds.

Berkeley was to waterbeds what Detroit was to cars a decade ago. Bearded businessmen sold the beds from incense-laden "head shops" where they were displayed alongside cigarette rolling machines, hash pipes and black-light posters.

There were also technological problems to be worked out before waterbeds could crack Middle America. Mattresses sometimes sprang leaks and the homemade frames often were not strong enough to stabilize the mattress' movement. Some waterbed users complained of getting seasick and still others said that the water-filled mattresses were too cold to sleep on the year round.

Landlords often refused to rent to people with waterbeds, believing that the weight of several hundred gallons of standing water on the floor of an upper-level apartment could

countrymen, no matter what their age. It's a way of life for them, generation after generation." Is she, then, a mother figure? "I'm just first lady to my husband, I'm active in the social side, and concerned on the welfare and cultural side." As such, she says, she is involved in Monaco's day nursery for working mothers, in the country's ballet school, in redecorating the hospital, on the committee for the arts festival, in the Red Cross and the garden club. She says: "I take a very active participation in all Monegasque life. I have a big household to run, a lot of entertaining to do. I am busy all the time attending functions. There is really not enough time to do everything."

For this reason, the time she has to devote to gardening is very precious. And she does work the soil. Does Princess Grace really get grime under her fingernails? she was asked. "Oh, and how. There's no way to avoid it," she replied. Showing her hands, she said, "I don't go in for long fingernails, you see, so it doesn't really upset my life."

The family maintains a farm, Roc Agel, which overlooks the rocky principality of Monaco. In a climate much like California's, they grow all sorts of vegetables and flowers the year long, and, "I'm always planting trees," the princess says. Then there is the garden around the 750-year-old palace that a staff of six maintains. But mostly, Princess Grace loves the end result of gardening, and her first published effort displays this. *My Book of Flowers*, by Princess Grace with Grew Robyns, an English writer. (Doubleday \$24.95) is not a gardening book per se. It is about the lore of flowers and the artistry of flower arrangements.

Although the princess learned something about gardening when she was growing up in Philadelphia, by tending her own plot in her mother's garden, she didn't get hooked on it at that time. She describes herself as being somewhat impatient in those days: "Children want to see instant results. They plant something one day and expect it to come up the next."

It was not until 1966 that she got interested. At that time Monte Carlo, a part of Monaco, was about to celebrate its centennial as a resort, and it was suggested that she hold a competition for flower arranging as part of the festivities. She said she was pushed into the presidency of the newly formed garden club and "was the most ignorant garden president going." She added: "Then I became involved and discovered that gardening is a whole world in itself. I learned because I was interested. It's an endless field. It's incredible."

As for flowers, Princess Grace has no favorites: "I get as excited over a field of daisies as I do over a cactus flower that blooms one night a year — or orchids. I appreciate each one in its own natural place."

Now that she has written one book, will she write another, perhaps an autobiography? She smiles, enigmatically, then answers, "I will, someday." As for all the interviews that quote her as saying categorically that she will never return to film roles, she explained, "I never say anything."

People always try to put words in my mouth. I never say 'never.' Who knows what happens in life? It's very unlikely. But 'never?' That's a long time."

## Silence reigns again in Pompeii streets

By Louis B. Flewelling

POMPEII, Italy (LAT) — Silence has fallen on the streets and walls of Pompeii in D. 1980 just as it did in A.D. 79.

Red circles, lines and checks on a map read on the director's table mark the ravages of the Nov. 23 earthquake on one of the most precious souvenirs of the Roman empire. This time there was no massive death toll as there was 20 centuries ago, when Vesuvius erupted. This time there was only damage to Pompeii's treasures.

"It is the most serious damage in the three centuries since the rediscovery of the buried city and the commencement of excavations," said Dr. Stefano de Caro, resident archaeologist and administrative director of Pompeii.

The walls and all the arts had lain protected under the ash of the eruption for almost two millennia, guarded from damage and from light until that moment of discovery so vividly captured by Lord Lytton more than a century ago:

"Nearly 17 centuries had rolled away when the city of Pompeii was disinterred from its silent tomb, all vivid with undimmed hues, its walls fresh as if painted yesterday — not a hue faded on the rich mosaic of its floors, in its forum the half-finished columns as left by the workmen's hand, in its baths the strigil — in its theaters the counter of admission — in its saloons the furniture and the lamp — in its triclinia the fragments of the last feast — in its cubicles the perfumes and the rouge of faded beauty — and everywhere the bones and skeletons of that minute yet gorgeous machine of luxury and of life."

He brought the city to life in *The Last Days of Pompeii*, and the empty streets today

encourage the imagining of those same scenes. But the illusion is broken by beams across the Via Dei Fortuna, propping sagging walls, and by fences across inviting openings where deep fissures threaten to bring walls and columns down within the gardens and courtyards. Even one of Pompeii's erotic secrets, frescoes of couples seeking intimate gratification, is threatened behind its locked doors by the collapse of a tile roof that once protected it.

Setting straight the jolted columns of the forum is the most difficult task of the reconstruction, De Caro said.

"We have to decide whether to use the original way in which the columns were erected or whether to try some new techniques," he explained.

In the golden era of Pompeii, the columns at the forum supported an elegant portico with a second columned gallery above. Some archaeologists argue that it was the grandest of all the Roman forums. The breathtaking dimensions, 466 by 124 feet, are now measured by only a few remnants, yet every visitor is still impressed.

The silence is broken not only by crews at work on those columns but by others, nailing barricades, erecting supporters, cementing fissures before they widen.

"None of the objects from Pompeii suffered significant damage here," a staff member at the National Museum in Naples said. "Only a candelabra was twisted a little."

Most of the great art of Pompeii, including the rare bronzes and many of the exquisite mosaics, were taken to the museum to keep them out of reach of the thieves who still prey on the excavation here. Other parts of the National Museum collection suffered serious

damage, including breakage of scores of rare Greek and early Italian ceramics.

In Pompeii, director De Caro reviewed his list of the most famous works and evaluated their condition after the quake:

— The House of Mysteries, where murals dramatize Pompeii's defiance of Roman rules against Dionysian initiations: "One small crack."

— The Temple of Jupiter next to the triumphal arches of Caligula and Nero: "No appreciable damage. The walls resisted well."

— The Stabian Baths: "We have several problems, including deep oblique cracks in the external walls where they are joined."

— The House of Vettii, the most elaborately decorated discovery in all of the Pompeii excavations, with frescoes regarded as among the most valued relics of the age: "No direct damage, but the earthquake exacerbated already existing problems of cracked cement. We cannot fail to replace this immediately, a problem of the aging of the building."

Perhaps 50 damage sites are critical, but no major fresco suffered serious damage. And the quake's peripheral damage in the House of Siricus has brought a rare opportunity to rescue a fresco that has lost most of that brilliant color of which Lord Lytton wrote.

Neglect has been Pompeii's most serious problem. "Before 1975, we had enough to cut the grass and not much else," De Caro said. "The situation became intolerable." Even now, one-third of the city remains buried as it was in the year 79, and there has been no new dig for a decade. Significantly, however, all of the reconstruction work done when a new program of financing was adopted in 1975 withstood the earthquake with no further damage.

In addition, the reconstruction is complicated because the people of Pompeii had not yet completed repairs from a devastating earthquake 16 years before the city was buried by Vesuvius.

After the November earthquake, Pompeii was reopened to the public for a week. But the gates were closed again Dec. 8. "Now we are making a survey to see what we can do," De Caro said. "We want to develop a safe itinerary for visitors. Our own staff has been supplemented with some additional workers. We hope to open the first area within two months."



COMPUTER: will run full range of library operations

## UPM library is first with automated system

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN — Over the next 12 months, the Central Library of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) will undertake the most important conversion ever attempted by a Saudi Arabian library.

In an agreement reached last summer with IBM, the UPM library is to adopt a fully automated system of bibliographic services.

Known as DOBIS/LIBIS, the system, which was developed in the 1970s at the University of Dortmund in Germany and the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, will result in a full range of computerized library operations.

Users sitting at IBM 3278 CRT terminals installed across UPM campus will be able to view catalog listings of the Central Library's books, journals, and films much as they previously might do only by consulting the card catalog at the library itself.

English will be the language of dialogue for UPM's DOBIS/LIBIS system, although the university's extensive Arabic collection will ultimately be accessed by researchers at Arabic-language terminals.

Check-out procedures, amendments and supplements to catalog entries, handling of invoices and orders of materials will similarly be computerized and placed at the disposal of authorized library personnel.

Plans are under way to make the library's entire collection of 152,000 books and 3,675 journal subscriptions compatible with the new system, which is to run in conjunction with the university's IBM 3033 computer.

UPM's first venture into automated library services occurred nearly two years ago, when, under the direction of Dr. Salah Ashoor, Dean of Library Affairs, on-line searches of U.S. data bases were made by means of the UPM telex facilities. Starting in January the telex link will be replaced by a terminal operating at a significantly higher speed.

Besides the speed and thoroughness of DOBIS/LIBIS, the new system permits a networking technique whereby a searcher at one IBM terminal can access not one but all the collections of participating libraries.

A demonstration of DOBIS/LIBIS is scheduled for the library's Open House, January 18, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

dards. This information was circulated among apartment owners so they would know about the built-in safety features of waterbeds.

An education program was initiated by the industry in order to answer the most common questions about waterbeds. The manufacturers emphasized that the floor weight of the beds was measured in pounds per square foot and that the typical waterbed weighs less per square foot than a refrigerator. The industry also provided results to landlords of independent tests of waterbed weights and their

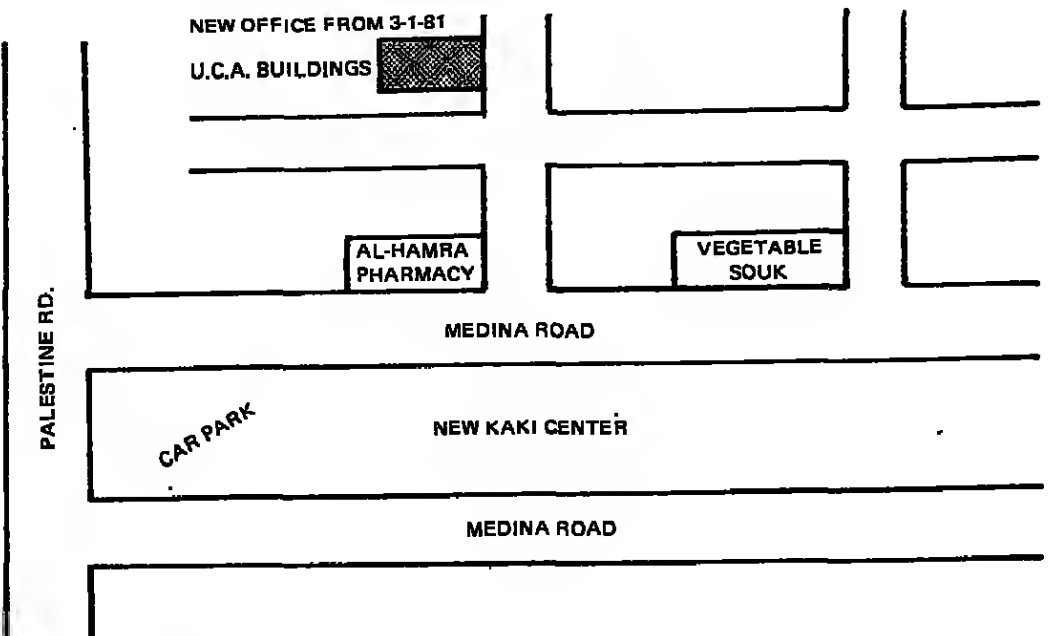
impact on the structural safety of multi-floor apartments.

Finally, they introduced waterbed insurance and made the policies available in the same outlets where the beds are sold. The standard policy will pay up to \$100,000 to cover damages caused by the waterbed. The cost with a \$100 deductible feature, is about \$50 a year.

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# Indonesia raises crude oil prices

JAKARTA, Dec. 30 (R) — Indonesian crude oil prices will go up by \$3.5 barrel across the board from Jan. 1, but premiums on certain exports are to come down, a spokesman for the state-owned oil company Pertamina said Tuesday. This means that the benchmark medium crude oil goes to an official price of \$35 from \$31.50.

The light crude oil benchmark official price goes to \$36.45 from \$32.92.

The Indonesian move had been expected and is in line with similar increases by other members of the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries (OPEC) following their meeting in Bali, Indonesia, earlier this month at which they agreed to a pricing formula allowing most of the 13 members to raise tariffs by up to \$4 a barrel.

Venezuela has announced a \$3 dollar increase to a \$38.06 marker price and Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter, announced at Bali that it had raised its price from \$30 to \$32 a barrel.

Libya is expected to announce this week that it will increase its high quality brega crude by \$4 a barrel to \$41 — the maximum price set by the oil ministers at Bali.

## Discovery of natural gas disclosed by U.S. company

DENVER, Colorado, Dec. 30 (AP) — Chevron USA Incorporated has found an "important" extension of a natural gas field in southwest Wyoming's portion of the overthrust belt — one of the most active oil and gas development regions in the lower 48 states, Chevron officials said Monday. An industry expert who asked not to be named said the new discovery was "an excellent one" for the overthrust belt. He noted that the gas from the well is "sweet gas" — meaning it does not contain sulfur that must be taken out before the gas can be sold.

The overthrust belt, which has produced

primarily sulfur-bearing "sour gas" in the past, is a mineral-bearing region some geologists believe extends from Alaska to Central America.

The belt is believed to be richest on the Utah-Wyoming border. Chevron made its latest discovery in Uinta county, Wyoming, near that boundary.

Chevron officials said the new find extends the boundaries of the east painter reservoir field farther to the east. For about a year, Chevron has been pursuing a theory that three fields — Painter, Carter Creek and Clear Creek — actually may be on giant field.

### BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The year 1980 has been a good one for owners of bulk carriers and other freighters despite the slowdown in the world economy. They benefited from record freight rates, which were on the whole unsatisfactory for tanker owners, hit by the recession in the world oil industry.

RUESSELSHEIM, West Germany. (AFP) — Opel, the West German motor company, has decided to lower the prices of most of its models it announces. From Thursday, the Opel Kadett will cost \$50 less and Asconas, Mantas and Rekords will be \$150 cheaper. The rebates will rise to \$306 for the Opel Commodore. Only luxury models, such as the Monza and the Senator, will not benefit from reductions.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Chemical Bank, the sixth largest bank in the United States, Tuesday followed the example of two other major U.S. banks by lowering its prime rate to 20.5 per cent last week the Chase Manhattan Bank, which ranks third among the U.S. banks, lowered its prime rate.

LONDON, (AFP) — Ten-and-a-half hours of negotiations Monday between workers and management of the British Leyland Car Company failed to lead to a solution of the strike at the Longbridge plant in Central England.

ATHENS, (R) — Greek entry to the European Common Market next Thursday will strengthen the country's independence and democratic institutions, Prime Minister George Rallis said Tuesday.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Ministry of Education	Repairs to Qairat Fort, Gishlah Building and State Palace in Hail	28/M	100	Jan. 13
Department of Education, Najran	Supply of furniture and school equipment	—	200	Jan. 3
Department of Education, Laydh	Construction of building for Habwas Al-Thamama school	7	200	March 7
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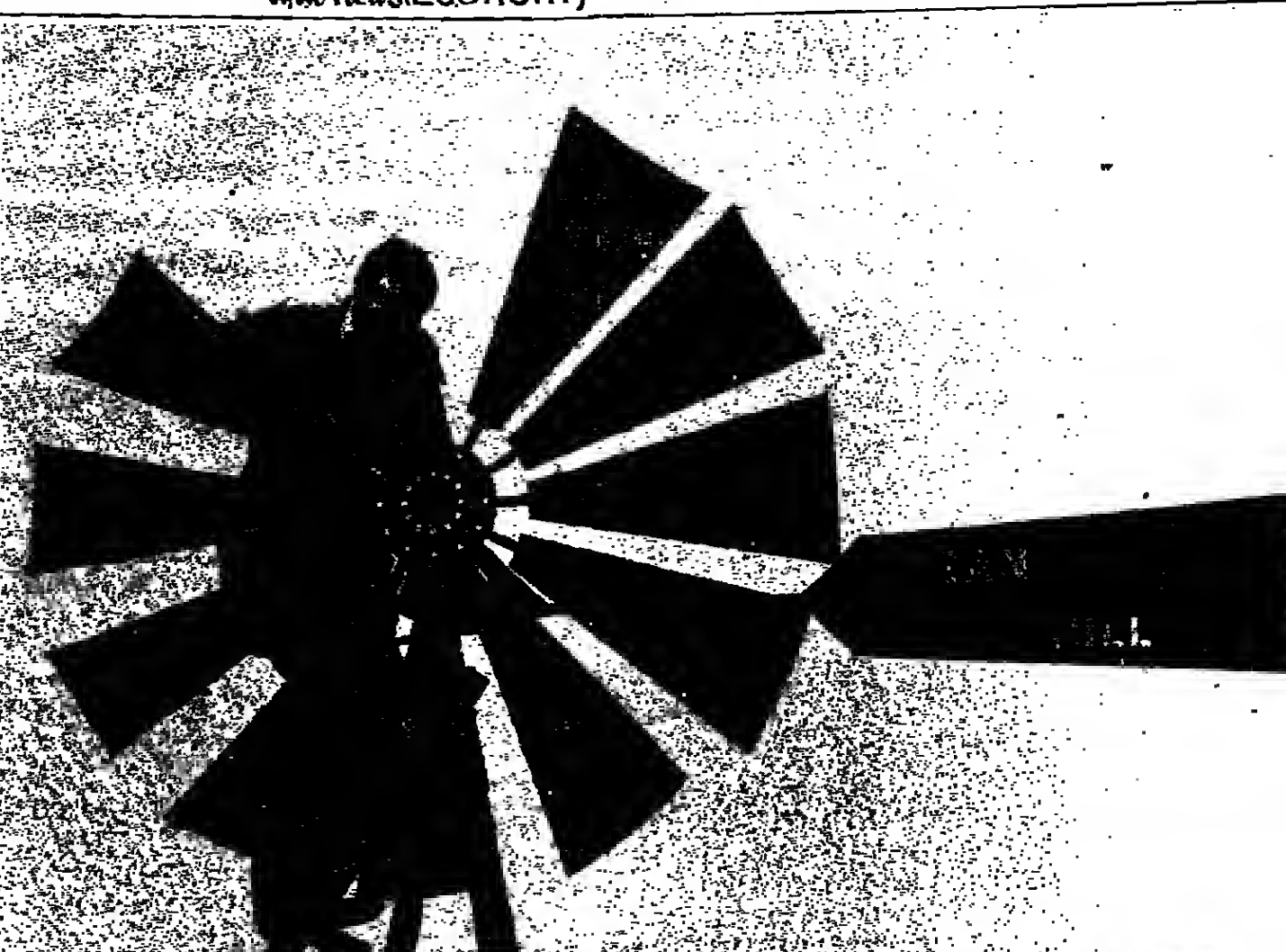
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5	Vorra	Albasab	Bagged Barley	26-12-80
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7	Elkon	Alpha	Bagged Barley	26-12-80
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26	Noshiro Maru	Alireza	Heavy Vehicles/General	26-12-80
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### Destruction less than expected

## Iraqi oil reserves promote projects

By Paul Eedle

BAGHDAD, Dec. 30 (R) — Oil is Iraq's most potent weapon in its war against Iran, bringing Baghdad the money and bargaining power to wage a prolonged battle of attrition against its neighbor. Oil exports are down to a third of their pre-war level but still earn more than \$30 million a day from customers glad of even reduced supplies.

Diplomats also argue that huge oil reserves give Iraq a powerful lever to persuade governments and companies to go ahead with development projects despite the fighting and to sell military and other supplies vital to the war effort. Iraq has financial reserves estimated at \$35 billion, but military experts say the three months of fighting so far will already have cost several billions of dollars.

This is one reason Iraq took the risk of resuming oil exports late in November despite the danger of Iranian air attacks on pipe lines and pumping stations.

Sabah Kachachi, industrial planning adviser at the ministry of planning, told Reuters: "The export of oil will be large enough to bring enough revenue to finance required development projects and perhaps the war effort without too much reliance on available reserves."

**Domestic fuel**  
Diplomats said another reason for resuming exports was that Iraq needed gas produced with the oil for domestic fuel, especially since half its refinery capacity is out of action and there are shortages of some refined products. Iraq needs some military supplies and other equipment such as road-building machinery to support its advance into the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan.

But the Soviet Union, which sold Iraq much of its weaponry, has stayed neutral in

the war cutting off one important source of supply. Diplomats and businessmen report that Iraq is giving priority in allocating its oil exports to countries which can help the war effort, such as France and Yugoslavia.

In general trade France and Yugoslavia, together with Jordan, are also most favored countries. Jordan is Iraq's staunchest supporter in the war and provides a vital route for supplies since the main Iraqi ports on the Gulf are closed. France relied on Iraq for about 25 per cent of its oil needs before the war and was already a major trading partner. It is supplying Iraq with nuclear technology and has signed big arms deals, including one for 60 Mirage fighter planes due to be delivered next year.

**Nonaligned status**  
Yugoslavia is a close friend partly because of its status in the nonaligned movement, to which Iraq President Saddam Hussein seeks a leading Iraqi role. The next nonaligned summit conference is to be held in Baghdad in 1982. Kachachi said most of the damage caused by the war had been to oil installations although actual destruction had been far less than officials expected.

The danger of attack has caused as many problems as Iranian bombs and shells because installations had to be closed down as a precaution, diplomats added.

At present Iraq can export oil only through two pipelines to Turkey and Syria. Its main oil loading terminals 20 km out in the Gulf have been subject to Iranian air and sea attacks and the computerized control center which operates them is out of action, diplomats said.

Oil Minister Tayeb Abdel-Karim said in Kuwait this month Iraq was exporting more than one million Barrels Per Day (BPD) and

that this would rise to two million BPD within three months. Before the war Iraq was producing 3.6 million BPD and exporting about 3 million.

The rated capacity of the pipeline to Iskanderun on Turkey's Mediterranean coast is about 700,000 BPD and the line to Banias about 500,000 BPD. But Kachachi said the Turkish pipeline would take up to one million BPD.

**Good maintenance**  
"You can exceed rated capacity with good maintenance," he said. In the longer term, when the war is over Iraq will almost certainly regain its position as the second biggest exporter in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) because it is committed to a huge program of economic development for which it needs oil revenues. As part of its long-term plans Kachachi said Iraq would continue to increase its crude oil production capacity. "We will provide expanded capacity but produce according to the market and the revenue we need," he said.

Industry sources said Iraq has already boosted production from two million BPD in the last two years and is expected to increase capacity to a maximum of about five million BPD in the mid 1980s. The oil money will finance massive development schemes in agriculture, education, industry, communications and public services.

The Baghdad government is well aware of the danger of too rapid economic development based on oil income. "Without social development, economic development will create situations whereby society might explode from within," Kachachi said. "The Shah's mistake was not economic development, but he fell short on the social development aspect and it exploded in his face."

## Foreigners encouraged to invest in Peru

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 30 (R) — A controversial new petroleum law aimed at attracting foreign investment and maintaining Peru's position as a net oil exporter came into force Tuesday. The law allows foreign oil firms to invest in schemes to recover more oil from existing wells in association with the state company Petroperu and offers them tax concessions if they reinvest in oil production.

It was passed by congress two weeks ago but its promulgation by President Fernando Belaunde Terry was delayed because of controversy over its provisions. Energy minister Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said the law was essential to save Peru from having to import oil within three years, but critics led by former Finance Minister Javier Silva Ruete accused the government of surrendering the country's oil wealth to the multinational oil companies.

Silva Ruete said the law would cost Peru \$3 billion over the next 25 years. Peru produces about 200,000 Barrels Per Day (BPD) of which about 80,000 are sold on the spot market.

Promulgation of the law coincided with an announcement by Petroperu that a major new well had been sunk in the northeastern jungle, which is expected to produce almost 5,000 BPD initially, rising to a possible 10,000 BPD. The field's recoverable reserves are estimated at 20 million barrels.

Peru became self-sufficient in oil three years ago but domestic consumption is rising by between eight and 10 per cent a year. According to Kuczynski only one new well has not been drilled this year and existing wells are not being fully exploited because Petroperu does not have the necessary finance.

The only three foreign companies which operate in Peru at present are Occidental and Belco of the United States and the Argentine company Bridas. Under agreements signed earlier this year they hand over 50 per cent of production to Petroperu and pay taxes on the remainder. This leaves them with nine out of every 100 barrels they extract, a percentage which Kuczynski says has discouraged investment by other foreign firms.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

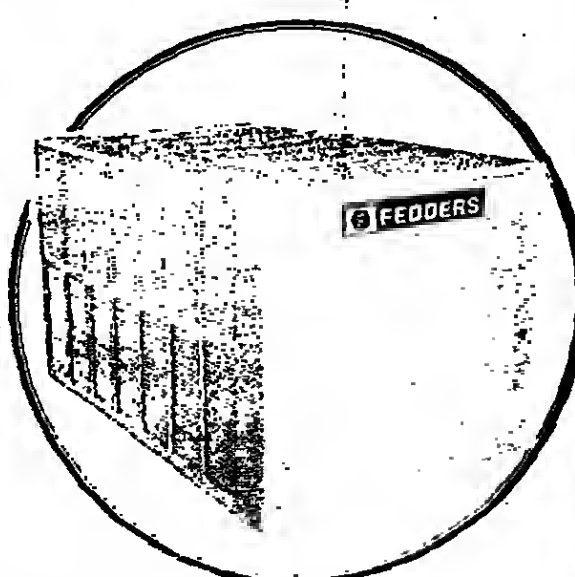
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	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.88	8.86
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
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Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	156.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.65
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.50	73.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.65	74.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.50	36.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	—	16.35
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.86	10.83
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.27	12.27
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.00	91.50
Malaysian Dollar (100)	—	82.00	80.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.80
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.88	7.95	7.92
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	91.80	91.70
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.56
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	42.20	42.20
Swiss Franc (100)	188.00	191.00	189.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.335	3.34
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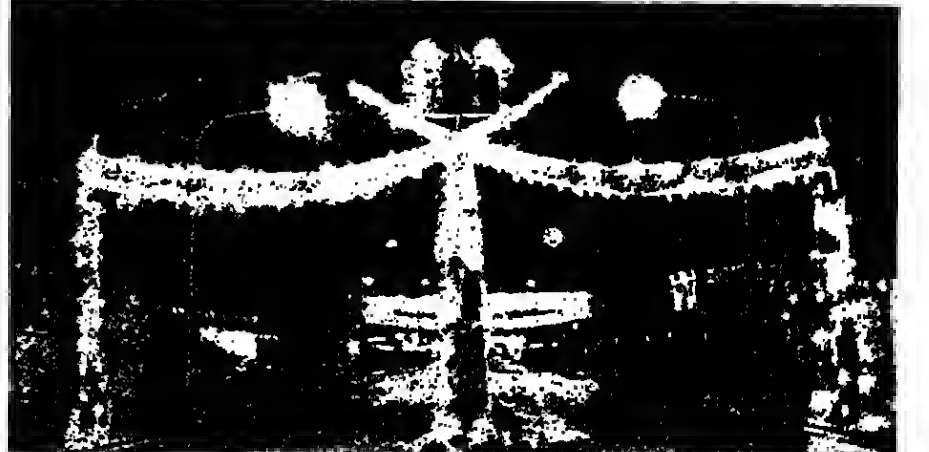
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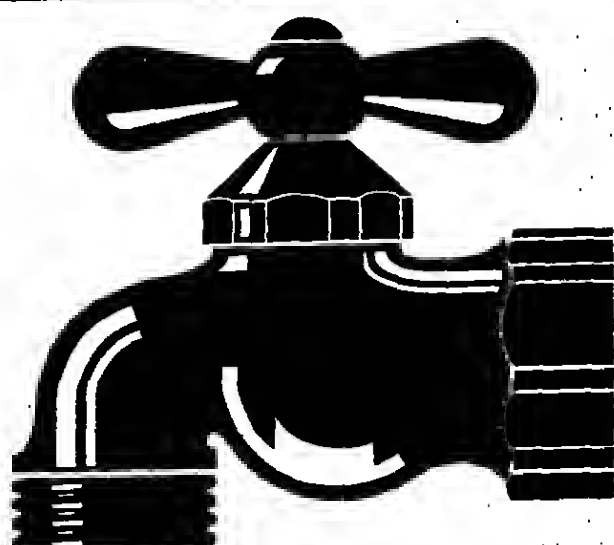
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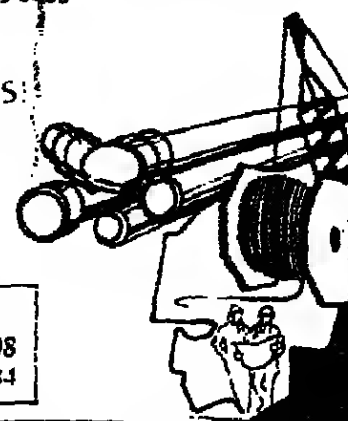


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## \$24 billion demand negotiable, Iran says

TEHRAN, Dec. 30 (AP) — The head of Iran's hostage negotiation team said Tuesday his government would listen to any United States counterproposal that was acceptable to the Algerian government concerning Iran's demand for \$24 billion.

He also accused President-elect Ronald Reagan of bluffing and acting like a Hollywood cowboy, and threatened that the hostages would be tried if Iran's demands were not met.

Behzad Nabavi, the head of the negotiation team, told a news conference in Tehran that if the U.S. government comes up with another form of guarantee that met Iran's four conditions for release of the 52 American hostages seized 423 days ago "it would be acceptable in our view."

"As I said before, as far as we have concluded there is no other way for guaranteeing the undertaking of Americans," he told reporters. "I said we are ready to listen to everything but it's natural the U.S. is looking for excuses and has nothing to say."

Nabavi confirmed Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai's proposal over the weekend offering to drop the demand for the financial guarantees in favor of immediate cash payments followed by arbitration on unresolved

issues while Iran continued to hold the hostages.

Asked about Reagan's description of the hostage taking as a form of kidnapping committed by barbarians, he replied: "I personally consider these threats as bluffs especially on the part of the new U.S. administration which wants to gain prestige by frightening revolutionaries of the world."

"We consider the statements of Mr. Reagan as those of one who still thinks he is playing in a Western film. We don't take his statements very seriously."

Nabavi also warned that if the U.S. government tried to delay its response to the Iranian demands, the government would proceed with the conditions set out by Majlis. "If the decision of the Majlis is not completely met, they (the hostages) will be tried," he said.

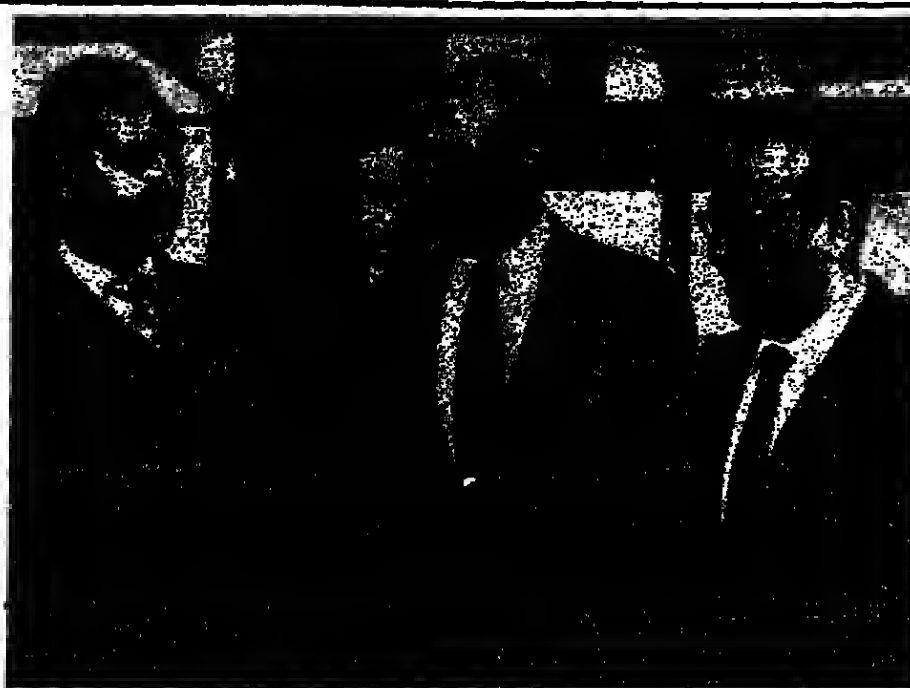
He claimed the U.S. and Iran were in agreement over the immediate return of about \$13 billion in Iranian wealth, and said Iran would be willing to await the outcome arbitration proceedings concerning the other \$11 billion demanded from the U.S. prior to release of the hostages.

"We cannot be content with some papers signed by Carter or Reagan," he said. "If the U.S. can propose another way which contains a kind of guarantee acceptable to the Algerian Government it would be acceptable in our view."

Iran wants the U.S. government to deposit the money with the Algerian Central Bank to cover claims on the wealth of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks. It also wants the U.S. government to stop all lawsuits against Iran. Iran's parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said Monday the U.S. should be given time to work out any legal problems it might encounter.

U.S. officials in Washington insisted Monday that the United States would not accede to Iran's demand for \$24 billion in guarantees.

An official, who asked not to be identified, said the Tehran regime could get several billion dollars in assets immediately if the hostages were released.



HOSTAGE TALKS: Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Harold Saunders, center, speaks with Abdelkarim Ghorab, left, and Rehda Malek, both of Algeria, on their arrival in Washington. The Algerians are intermediaries between the U.S. and Iran in negotiations for the release of the 52 Americans being held in Tehran.

### Farmers stage protest

## Polish union ruling put off

WARSAW, Dec. 30 (R) — The Polish Supreme Court postponed Tuesday a decision on whether to legalize an independent union of private farmers.

Court officials said the hearing had been postponed to enable relevant international conventions to be translated into Polish. The date for a new hearing had not yet been fixed they said.

Earlier, 2,000 farmers demonstrated outside the court building to press their case for official recognition, which was refused by a lower court last October.

The "Rural Solidarity" union which claims to represent one million of Poland's 3.5-million private farmers has threatened to withhold produce from state buyers if their union is not legalized.

The demonstrators carried placards saying "Rural Solidarity is what we need if there is to be enough bread" and "Private farmers feed the nation — don't treat us like hired hands."

Private farmers work 80 per cent of the land and complain that state farms get the bulk of government funds and equipment but are less efficient than themselves. One demonstrator complained that fertilizer and cattle fodder could be obtained only by bribing local officials. Another said he had waited 10 years for a tractor and finally had to buy a used model from the state farming association at twice the price of a new one.

Yet another farmer said animals were dying at state purchasing centers for lack of transport or because processing plants were overloaded. An adviser in Rural Solidarity said he was pessimistic about the outcome of Tuesday's hearing. He felt the authorities would regard the new body as another area outside Communist Party control.

He said refusal to register the union would violate international conventions, signed by Poland, giving every person the right to join trade unions.

## Police raid Italy jail; guards safe

ROME, Dec. 30 (AP) — A daring police raid rescued 18 prison guards held hostage by rebellious inmates and struck a firm blow at an apparent left-wing terrorist plan to cause trouble in Italy's prisons, government and police officials said.

"The state has won a battle with the key help of the carabinieri," said Francesco Mazzola, deputy secretary for security forces for Premier Arnaldo Forlani. "The victory demonstrated the state's capacity to act with decisive firmness."

Thirty carabinieri commandos, known as "leather heads," and local police used plastic explosives to blow their way into Trani prison in southeast Italy and capture about 70 rebellious inmates. Four prisoners and 23 hostages and police were hospitalized with injuries after the rescue but nobody was hurt seriously, hospital officials said.

The prisoners, reported to include some of Italy's most notorious urban guerrillas, seized the unarmed guards Sunday to press demands to close Trani and nine other maximum-security prisons where terrorist suspects are held.

The rebels had home-made bombs, some rigged from coffee pots, and sharp instruments similar to screwdrivers, police said. "We were calm because we knew they (the prisoners) weren't armed. It wasn't possible to predict that they would have the makeshift bombs," Giuseppe Brunetti, prison director, said.

Two spokesmen for the rebel convicts said their uprising was linked to the kidnapping of Judge Giovanni D'Urso by the Red Brigades on Dec. 12. The leftist terrorist gang is still holding D'Urso, a top official in the national prison system, and threatened reprisals if any of the prisoners at Trani was injured.

"The government should know that anything it's plotting to repress the struggles of the proletarian prisoners at Trani will produce an immediate response from the Red Brigades," said a typewritten note delivered to two Rome newspapers before the assault at Trani.

## Dollar, gold sag in quiet trading

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP) — Softer dollar interest rates pushed the dollar down on world money markets Tuesday, while gold prices also sagged in very quiet trading. London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$587 a troy ounce, down from \$594 late Monday.

"There isn't anything doing at all at present," said one bullion dealer.

In Zurich, gold traded at a median \$588.50 an ounce, down from \$598.50 on Monday.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$590.06, down \$13.70 from Monday's rate.

Gold closed at \$584.50 in late New York trading Monday, down \$23.50 from last Wednesday's pre-Christmas price.

Silver was quoted in London mid-morning at \$15.70 an ounce, down from \$16.

In London, the pound was worth \$2.3720, up slightly from \$2.3655 Monday.

Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 205.40 yen after opening at 206.40 yen, down considerably from Monday's closing 207.85 yen. Although it climbed to a high of 206.90 at one point, persistent selling pushed it down to a 21-month low of 205.30 yen before the slight rise at the close.

Dealers attributed the dollar's weakness to the continued fall of U.S. interest rates from pre-Christmas record levels. American National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago cut its prime rate a full 1 1/2 percentage points to 20 per cent on Monday.

## Rajai rejects Soviet note

TEHRAN, Dec. 30 (R) — Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Monday night brushed aside a Soviet protest over an attack on the Soviet Embassy here by Afghan demonstrators, Tehran radio reported Tuesday.

Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov delivered a protest note Monday night to Rajai, but the prime minister rejected the Soviet charges that Iranian authorities knew of the attack in advance, the radio said.

Demonstrators protesting on the first anniversary of Moscow intervention in Afghanistan broke into the embassy compound Saturday, smashed windows and burned the Soviet flag before they were ejected by Iranian authorities.

## Court prevents Jiang witnesses from being called

PEKING, Dec. 30 (AP) — Mao Tse-tung's widow asked for various witnesses to appear at her trial on persecution charges, but the court ruled they had no relation to the case, Communist China's official Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday.

Xinhua did not identify the witnesses nor specify evidence which it said Mao's widow, Jiang Qing, also wanted presented. The special court cut short her final arguments Monday and ordered her thrown out of court after she shouted, "I am prepared to die" and "It is right to rebel," and kept attacking the court, Chinese sources reported.

There still was no word on when sentence would be passed on Jiang Qing and nine other leaders of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, a decade of purges, factional fighting and radical leftist policies. All face a possible death sentence, and in Jiang Qing's case the prosecution urged death. But it appeared that many Chinese were not aware of that. In film seen on television and in official accounts, the prosecution urged "severe punishment" according to article 103 of the criminal code.

Article 103 provides for the death penalty in case of severe harm for an offense, but many Chinese don't know that. Seen on television, Jiang Qing gave one hint of what kind of evidence she wanted presented.

She disputed the prosecutor's argument that she claimed to represent Mao, the party chairman who died in 1976 and still is respected as the nation's founder, even though his ideology-first policies have been discarded.

It was not only Mao, she said, but the whole central committee headed by Mao. She said she had letters in her safe referring to central committee decisions that she wanted to show.

The prosecution listed some of the persecution charges against her and challenged her to state that Mao had told her to torment people ranging from President Liu Shaoqi down to a sanitation worker who had been named a national model worker. She is accused of having had both persecuted to death.

She argued that she never had heard of some of the crimes attributed to her, and that she didn't recognize the model worker.

Xinhua said she also accused the court of "nitpicking" and "using this small matter and that small matter to defame me," pictured herself as a defender of the Cultural Revolution, and complained that some exonerations in the past four years, since her arrest, amounted to reversing rightful verdicts.

In the strongest public statement yet on Mao, the prosecution said she was responsible for the plight of the Chinese people in the Cultural Revolution, but that his great contributions to China still outweigh his mistakes.



LAUNCHING LARGEST: A relative of the president of the Tokyo Tanker Co. presides over a ceremony launching the reconstruction of the oil tanker Seawise Giant. It is being enlarged at Tsu, Japan from 420,000 to 560,000 tons, which will make it the biggest vessel afloat.

## Reichstag fire verdict thrown out by W. German court

BONN, Dec. 30 (AP) — A West Berlin court has overturned the 47-year-old verdict against a Dutchman accused of setting the Reichstag fire, an event used by the Nazis to consolidate their power in 1933.

The court ruled that the verdict against Marinus van der Lubbe, a Communist accused of setting the fire, was a "clear miscarriage of justice," but left open the question of whether Van der Lubbe actually did start the blaze.

The decision was issued Dec. 15, but was not disclosed until Monday. Robert Kempner, a deputy prosecutor in the Nuremberg war

crimes, argued the case brought by Van der Lubbe's brother to have the verdict thrown out.

The Reichstag building in Berlin, seat of the German parliament, was burned on Feb. 27, 1933, about four weeks after Adolf Hitler became chancellor.

After Van Lubbe and four Bulgarian Communists were arrested for arson, the fuhrer used the blaze as a pretext to ban Communism. The Bulgarians were acquitted by a Nazi court, but Van der Lubbe was executed.

Many historians believe the Nazis may

have set the fire themselves as an excuse to crack down on opposition parties, but the cause of the fire has never been established with certainty.

Historians note that a tunnel ran to the building from the residence of Hermann Goerring, Hitler's deputy and Reich's marshal.

Kempner cited these arguments to the court and said Van der Lubbe was actually a "weak-willed tool" of the National Socialists. The Nazis used the "strong psychological effects" of the verdict and execution to their advantage, he told Radio Freies Berlin.

Van der Lubbe was beheaded in 1934 as the Nazis rounded up Communists and moved to crush free trade unions and the remaining leftist opposition.

The 81-year-old Kempner, who took part in the postwar interrogation of Goerring, said he regarded the verdict as a final victory for justice.

Van der Lubbe's brother, J.M. Van der Lubbe of Amsterdam, had tried since 1955 to have the verdict erased, but succeeded only in having the sentence "reduced" from death to a prison term.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

In Washington a few years ago, some time on my hands one evening I decided to pay a visit to the theater. I went well. I had a good seat, second row, right on the central aisle.

The play was about to end and I up, hoping to make my exit before the rush started. But no sooner I stood up a half-dressed lady who was undressing herself, suddenly jumped into the audience — horror! shock! — made a straight me.

I stood there rigid with panic. I held my hand and started tugging my back, and held the chain of the other hand. I was on the verge of leaving for help when she gave up and got another man, who accompanied her quite happily.

Other actresses did the same thing returned to the stage with their eyes and soon everyone was singing and dancing together. I sat down to recover while then moved off sheepishly. The audience participation — and I flunked my test.

I told this story recently to a thinking that I would get some attention. But he said he had a far worse experience. Audience participation, he said, reached these English shores, with a troupe of results for him.

The play, he said, was Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. As it started, an incident began to develop. A man in audience, obviously a very drunk, started screaming abuse at every around him. Then he jumped onto the stage. The actors who had just tried to restrain him, but failed. He out of his mind, tearing the seat attacking the actors.

My friend said he was aghast. Then madman suddenly lunged down from stage and started towards the area my friend was sitting. My friend, a polite man, said he became very pale. The man came hurtling at him, sweet valley.

My friend said he was determined to his life dearly. So he stood up and gave man one of his very best. It caught right on the point of the jaw. He saw the ground without a whisper in a faint.

My friend said he looked around and proud of himself. Hadn't he saved evening for everyone? Oughtn't fair to see flutter their eyes at him in gratitude.

Not a bit. In fact people were his angrily. Some even started to threaten moves. Then an actor came down from the stage and took him as "You idiot," he said. "This was part of play. You ruined everything. Kin leave."

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

## 7 hurt in Madrid blast

MADRID, Dec. 30 (R) — Seven people including two young children, were wounded in bomb attacks on two international air offices here Monday night, police said.

In a telephone call to Reuters the Arabian "October Third" group, claiming responsibility for the attacks on the Tri World Airlines and Swissair offices in Madrid, the nearby offices of British Airways and the Belgian airline Sabena also damaged. The caller from October 11 said the bombs were in retaliation for an attack in Geneva last weekend on Swiss lawyer Gerard Benoit, who had been defending an American charged with explosives offenses. The caller said the attack had been carried out by U.S. agents.

October Third claimed responsibility for bomb attacks on Swiss property in London and Paris last October. Among those injured in Monday night's blasts were a representative of the Madrid newspaper *Pueblo*, Antonio Gurrutaran Lopez, who reported in satisfactory condition in hospital.

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